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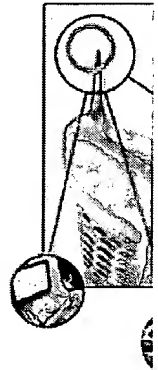
The Committee for Proprietary Medicinal Products of the European Agency for the Evaluation of Medicinal Products has issued a positive opinion recommending approval of Remicade with methotrexate for RA, from Doctors Guide.

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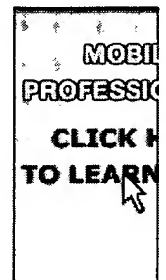
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The FDA has approved the genetically engineered drug Remicade for the treatment of rheumatoid arthritis, from Intellihealth.

### **FDA Approves Remicade With Methotrexate For RA**

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### **Infliximab And Methotrexate In Treatment Of RA**

In patients with persistently active RA despite methotrexate treatment, repeated doses of infliximab in combination with methotrexate provided clinical benefit and halted progression of joint damage, from NEJM.

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## Infliximab Appears To Alleviate Rheumatoid Arthritis Symptoms

LONDON, U.K. -- December 3, 1999 -- New evidence emerged about a drug that can alleviate many of the associated with rheumatoid arthritis. Such evidence is since not all patients in the early stages of rheumatoid arthritis can respond to methotrexate, the standard treatment disease.

In a report published in this week's edition of *The Lancet* Ravinder Maini and colleagues from The Mathilda an Kennedy Institute of Rheumatology, London, UK, high efficacy of infliximab, an anti-tumour necrosis factor alpha monoclonal antibody. Researchers have developed m antibodies to target tumour necrosis factor alpha becoming mounting evidence that this substance has a central role in the pathogenesis of rheumatoid arthritis.

Their results showed that individuals administered a low dose of infliximab with the established clinical product methotrexate achieved significant alleviation of arthritis compared with a control group administered methotrexate placebo.

428 patients took part in this international study, and half of patients given methotrexate and infliximab per cent improvement in their physical well-being compared with one fifth of patients treated with methotrexate and a placebo. Nearly 30 percent of patients given infliximab and methotrexate compared with 5 percent of patients given methotrexate alone reported a 50 percent improvement. All patients' symptoms analysed after 30 weeks treatment. Infliximab was also well tolerated by patients in the study, whereas methotrexate had a history of negative side-effects.

The investigators comment that whilst these results are encouraging "the cost-effectiveness [of this drug] must be evaluated in longer-term data evaluating the cost of this therapy and the improvement of quality of life that might follow."

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### ENBREL in Brief

ENBREL is a breakthrough rheumatoid arthritis (RA) therapy — the first and only treatment of its kind that can be used alone (i.e., without the use of methotrexate). A protein that resembles one the body produces naturally, ENBREL works with your immune system to help control the inflammation caused by RA. By enhancing the action of this naturally occurring protein, ENBREL treats your RA on two levels: (1) it helps control your pain, stiffness, and other discomfort and (2) it inhibits the progression of damage to your joints.

ENBREL can benefit a wide range of people with varying degrees of RA symptoms: from recently diagnosed adults who have moderate pain to individuals who have struggled with severe symptoms for many years. More than 75,000 people now use ENBREL. Only you and your doctor can determine if ENBREL may be right for you. ENBREL is available by prescription only. (To read about assembling the "RA Care Team" that's best for you, [click here](#).)

ENBREL is indicated for reducing signs and symptoms and inhibiting the progression of structural damage in patients with moderately to severely active rheumatoid arthritis.

In addition to RA, ENBREL is also approved for reduction in signs and symptoms of moderately to severely active polyarticular-course juvenile rheumatoid arthritis (JRA) in patients 4 years of age and older who have had an inadequate response to one or more disease-modifying antirheumatic drugs (DMARDs).

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### Relieving Pain

In [medical studies](#), people using ENBREL reported significant reductions in pain, fatigue, and the amount of time feeling stiff in the morning. They also reported major improvements in their ability to perform routine tasks, overall vitality, and frame of mind.

### TNF inhibitors

An agent that blocks the action of TNF molecules, which are known to trigger joint inflammation in RA.

### Methotrexate

An immunosuppressant agent commonly prescribed for a variety of conditions.

### JRA:

A form of arthritis that affects children and teenagers.

Most patients began to experience improvement soon after starting ENBREL, and their positive results continued over an extended period of time (up to 3 years).

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### Inhibiting the Progression of Joint Damage

Even when RA pain is not severe, the disease can be causing serious damage to the joints. If the RA remains uncontrolled and continues to destroy joint tissue over time, the joints can become deformed and disabled, sometimes permanently. Joint damage can occur in the earliest stages of RA — even in as little as 4 months.

Medical studies have shown that ENBREL can effectively inhibit the progression of damage in the joints.

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### Convenient Dosing

ENBREL can be self-injected. It is given twice a week, 72 to 96 hours apart. This treatment design offers several benefits:

- *Convenience.* Other than for your training dose,\* there's no need to go to a doctor's office for treatment. You give yourself the injections in your own home.
- *Control.* You determine the dosing routine that's best for you.
- *Support.* ENBREL provides a variety of support tools that help you master the self-injection process quickly.
- *Simplicity.* There is no need for routine laboratory monitoring specific to ENBREL. Careful medical management by your health care professional is recommended.

\* ENBREL should not be self-administered unless a patient has been properly instructed by a qualified health care professional.

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Your results may vary. In medical studies, ENBREL worked for about two o adults with RA who used it.

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